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## *Press Release*

# Guilty Verdict in 2007 Randolph Murder

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Malcolm A. Carnes (DOB 11-01-1990) was found guilty of second-degree murder today in the June 2007 shooting of Randolph teen, District Attorney William R. Keating announced following the verdict.

"Ezekiel Cuthbert was only 17 when he was shot dead on North Main Street . He had his life in front of him and that was stolen," District Attorney Keating said. "Our thoughts are with the Cuthbert family and Ezekiel's friends. While this verdict is an important outcome, nothing can soften this tragedy."

The Norfolk Superior Court jury began deliberations at 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday following closing arguments and jury instructions. The jury informed the judge that it had reached its verdict at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 .

The jury heard testimony from a variety of civilian witnesses that Carnes, while armed with a 9 mm handgun, confronted Cuthbert and two friends at the Randolph Cafe coffee shop on North Main Street in Randolph at approximately 5 p.m. on June 27, 2007 . Cuthbert and his friends attempted to flee from Carnes. Carnes chased after them and fired a single shot near a nearby gas station. The bullet entered Cuthbert's arm and traveled into his chest, piercing his heart.

He was pronounced dead at Good Samaritan Hospital at approximately 6 p.m.

Carnes ran from the scene and was apprehended in Mattapan at the home of his grandmother a little more than 7 hours after the shooting. District Attorney Keating thanked the Randolph Police detectives and Massachusetts State Police detectives who worked together to solve the case quickly and Assistant District Attorney Thomas Finigan for his hard work prosecuting the case.

Following a victim impact statement from the mother of the victim, Superior Court Judge John Connor sentenced Carnes to life in prison.

*Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.*